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LEADERSHIP COURSE RESPONSE EXCELLENT

Approximately 150 prospective part-time recreation leaders have filled to overflowing, the registration for the 1960 Recreation Leadership Course to be held in Red Deer, July 3 - 30. We are looking forward to working with these enthusiastic young people. Sponsoring groups are cordially invited to visit the school at any time to get a better idea of the training their candidates are receiving.

Now a word to Recreation Departments, Recreation Boards and other sponsors, of candidates to the 1960 Recreation Leadership School—Do you have specific plans for your candidates upon return? How do they fit into your continuing Recreation picture? What are your plans for the fall? These are questions you should discuss thoroughly.

Many of your candidates are quite young and will need help, encouragement and backing in whatever leadership situation they are placed. We mention this now, so your candidates can attend the course with more confidence and possibly be able to have specific community problems discussed. Sponsors are further asked to bear in mind that this is only a four-week course for **activity leaders**. Although the course is broad in scope and very concentrated, successful candidates will be able to offer limited leadership and will need community support and backing at all times.

PLAYGROUND LEADERS' SHORT COURSE

As you know, we have added an advanced course for former playground course graduates. It is our hope that communities will be able to gain continuity of leadership and encourage graduates to take the two years. We

feel that many a potential, full time leader could be lost in the "drop out" years and we are well aware that camp leaders, seasonal staff, etc., are constantly looking for further training and ideas.

So, will you, with us, give this plan close scrutiny and give us your guidance and suggestions, as this is another leadership training step.

Three Year Course For Recreationists Commences This Fall

A three year course for Alberta recreation personnel who wish to improve themselves professionally will start this fall under the direction of the Community Recreation Bureau, Cultural Activities Branch of the Department of the Provincial Secretary. The training consists of a six month correspondence course annually and a two week seminar the first year with an eight-day seminar during the second and third years. Cost of the training plan will be \$20.00 for the correspondence portion and a charge of \$50.00 for the first year seminar. Second and third year seminars will cost \$25.00. The seminar charges include tuition, room and board at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Write the Community Recreation Bureau for an application form. Persons employed full time in recreation will be given preference. To be eligible for this year's course applications must be received prior to September 1, 1960.

OLDS TO BE SITE DRAMA SEMINAR DURING AUGUST

The first 7-day resident drama seminar to be held in the province at Olds this August is already receiving wide interest across the province.

Headlining the list of instructors will be Mr. Robert Gill, director of the University of Toronto's Hart House Theatre. Mr. Gill has a Master of Arts degree in drama from the Carnegie Institute of Technology where, after graduating, he became a member of the drama department, and was also drama director of the Pittsburgh Playhouse. Mr. Gill is widely known as one of Canada's outstanding teachers and directors in the field of drama, and at the regional Drama Festivals held in Alberta and Saskatchewan last spring proved himself to be the most popular adjudicator the West has had in many years.

Also on the staff will be Mr. Frank Holroyd of the Drama Department of the University of Saskatchewan, Mr. Ariel Davis, a professional theatre lighting man from Salt Lake City, and Mr. Gerald Baril, a well-known Alberta make-up specialist.

The course is expected to be quite intensive.

As enrolment will be limited, persons interested in applying for the course are advised to get their applications in as soon as possible. Application deadline is July 1st. The fee for the entire seminar is \$20, to cover tuition, and room and board in full.

For further information you are advised to contact Jack McCreath, Supervisor, Drama Division, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES BRANCH, Edmonton.



A scene from the Jasper Story enacted outside with the natural beauty of the Rockies as a background.

Still Time To Enrol Olds Band Clinic

There are still a few vacancies for bandmasters, and the following instruments:—

Flute 2
Clarinet 1
Tenor Sax 1
Trombone 2
Baritone 2
Horn Eb or F 3
Baritone 1
Bass 1

Intending applicants are reminded to write before July 9th. No applications can be accepted after that date.

Students will receive instructions regarding the clinic during July.

Mr. A. V. Pettigrew, Superintendent of Recreation for Edmonton, will represent the Alberta Recreation Association at the annual conference of the P.R.A.C. to be held during August at St. Catharines, Ontario. The 1961 meeting of the Association will come west to Edmonton and plans for it are already underway under the chairmanship of Jack Wright, Superintendent of Parks for the City of Edmonton.

It is hoped a number of Alberta Recreationists will be planning to visit St. Catharines in August 1960.

You can't afford to miss the 1961 conference at Edmonton, August 27-31.

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LIVE WESTERN DRAMA IN NATURAL SETTINGS

On July 13th the lights will go up for the fifth year of "THE JASPER STORY" at Jasper Park. This unique and outstanding entertainment has had a longer run than any other summer entertainment in Canadian history, and annually plays to thousands of tourists from across North America.

From its inception five years ago, this outdoor musical historama, which tells in terms of music and spectacle, laughter and drama, a story on the settling of the West, has received con-

siderable encouragement and assistance from the Provincial Government. The Drama Supervisor, Jack McCreath, has directed the show since its first performance, on loan from this department, but this year he will be filling this function for the last time. The book for the show was written by Elsie Park Gowan, well-known Alberta playwright, and the original songs by McCreath were orchestrated by David Peterkin, Music Supervisor with the branch. The days again—July 13 - 23. The place—Jasper.

INDIAN PUCKSTERS REMAIN UNBEATEN FOR FOUR YEARS

It's probable that the lads of the Morley Indian School in Alberta's Bow River valley have established something of a record for hockey teams in Canada.

The school ice hockey teams have been unbeaten during the past four seasons.

At times fielding up to four teams, the lads, ranging in age from nine to 16, have played 50 games, won 45, tied five and of course, lost none. They have played both Indian and non-

Indian squads from Canmore, Calgary, Banff, Beaupre and High River. Total goals over the last four years: 319 for, 86 against.

Peter Demoskey, Morley's shop teacher, has been coaching the boys for the past six years, as well as advising on volleyball and track and field events.

The only thing that's beaten the Morley lads has been the warm chinook winds, whistling down the Kicking Horse Pass and last winter melting their rink six times.

FIRST TRACK, FIELD SCHOOL PAVES WAY FOR FUTURE MEETS

The Track and Field School, sponsored by the Community Recreation Bureau, first of its kind in the West, was a success in spite of the cool weather. We extend our thanks to the instructional staff, F/O Alto, RCAF Penhold and staff for their splendid co-operation. With 110 coaches and athletes completing the course, we look for big things for Alberta and especially at the following **confirmed track and field meets:**

June 19 — Lethbridge — Provincial Championships.

June 25 — Hamilton — Olympic Trial Marathon (apply to: Robert Truscott, 127 Fairleigh Ave., South Hamilton, Ontario. Applications close June 18.)

July 1—Edmonton — Olympic Trials for Alberta.

July 15 - 16—Saskatoon — Canadian Track and Field Championships and Olympic Games Trials.

New Color Films Available From Dept. of Extension

The Department of Extension, University of Alberta has three excellent color films entitled "This is Synchronized Swimming." The films cover basic to advanced skill and could make valuable contribution to your swimming program. The films are available on a rental basis.

The film "The 5BX Plan" is well done and will be available soon through your nearest National Film Board office. Use the film to supplement your men's keep fit classes. Queen's Printer, Ottawa have the 5BX booklets available for 35c each.

WOMEN PROPOSE CONFERENCE ON HEALTH AND RECREATION

The Edmonton Women's Branch of the Canadian Association for Health Physical Education and Recreation proposes hosting a provincial conference for professional women in physical education and recreation. The suggested site and date of the meeting is the Banff School of Fine Arts, November 11-13, 1961.

The purpose of the conference is to become better acquainted with fellow workers in the field and to obtain a

better understanding of the problems facing physical education and recreation personnel in different areas of the Province.

Before proceeding further, the sponsors would like to hear from other women in the province. If you think the conference is a good idea and would like to join in the planning and participation please drop a note to Miss Pat Austin, c/o School of Physical Education, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Recent Conference Camp Counsellors Well Attended

Some 110 camp leaders and sponsors attended this three day course, offered May 6-8 by the Community Recreation in co-operation with the Alberta Camping Association. Highlight this year was a study of the group process in leadership. Also featured were—camp crafts, sing-song and rainy day projects.



Instructor Herb McLachlin keeps a sharp lookout at the high jump trials.



The graduating class and instructors are shown at Banff during the Directors' Seminar. Back row left to right: Col. E. Cormack, Alex Kaleta, Dr. E. J. Tyler, Don Moore, Miss McFarland, Jake Vandenbrink and Bert Pettigrew. Front left to right: Syd Moore and Gordon McCutcheon.

RECREATION DIRECTORS' SEMINAR FEATURES FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

Highlight of the 1960 Recreation Directors' Seminar was its first graduating class for whom this first seminar culminated three years training.

Lecturers at the two week course included Dr. E. J. Tyler lecturing on "Human Growth and Development", Colonel E. Cormack "Conduct of Meetings", Mr. D. Critchley "The Individual in the Group", Mr. A. V. Pettigrew "Leadership of Leaders", Mr. W. Kassa "Public Speaking", Mrs. E. Henderson

"Recreation for Senior Citizens", Miss E. McFarland "Recreation Organization and Administration."

Registration for the 1960-61 in-service courses is open now. Candidates have until September 1st to register, with the first assignment due October 15. The culminating seminar will be held in Banff April 30 - May 13, 1961.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Community Recreation Bureau.

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BOWNESS — for their comprehensive community centre project.

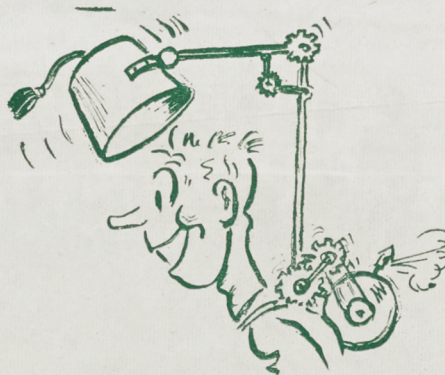
COALDALE — for their well planned and executed community interest survey.

EDMONTON, LETHBRIDGE, MEDICINE HAT, CALGARY—for their ambitious playground leadership courses.

EDSON — for their excellent display of winter season handicrafts.

If your community has a new development, supply us with the details for the newsletter.

Jack Boddington has been appointed



Recreation Director in Jasper Place. **Reg Bentley** has been appointed Recreation Director in High Prairie. **Shirley Monkman** (RLS/59) has changed her address to Mrs. Shirley Anderson in Barons. **Doreen Ryan** (RLS/51) has chosen Edmonton's Sportsman of the

Choral College Commences Olds Monday Aug. 15

Applications are being accepted for this clinic from school teachers, and church and community choir directors. The cost of each student, inclusive of board, lodging and tuition will be \$20.00.

The curriculum will include:—

Ear Training and Rudiments

Outline of Musical History as applicable to Choral Singing

Choral Literature

Choral Technique

Conducting

Mr. Filmer Hubble of Winnipeg will be chief instructor. He is well-known for his adjudications at festivals throughout Canada. For the last two years, Mr. Hubble has taught at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Mr. G. K. Greene of the University Extension Department will also be instructing. Mr. Greene has been instrumental in the formation of many community choruses throughout the Province. He has conducted community workshops at many localities.

This workshop is designed to assist choir directors gain a deeper understanding and find solutions to their many problems.

It is expected that a choir will be formed by the students, and everyone will be given an opportunity to conduct under the supervision of Mr. Hubble.

The number of students must necessarily be limited, so applicants should write for details as soon as possible. No applications can be accepted after July 18th.

Write to:

Supervisor of Music,
Room 425,
Legislative Building,
EDMONTON, Alta.

Year — we agree all the way, congratulations Doreen! **Doug Kyle** (on staff, Track & Field School/60) voted Sportsman of the Year in Calgary — congratulations Doug! **Alan Campbell** hired as Recreation Director in Beaverlodge. **Yula Romanko** (nee Cheney, RLS/51) is now in Beaverlodge. **Joan Tangren** (nee Hacking, RLS/55) is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. "**Barney**" **Hughes** (RLS/47) will spend a busy summer in Jasper. **Bill Hanson** (RLS/56) was in on his trip from Salt Lake City.